Volunteers



Purpose

The Volunteer Services Program enhances the delivery of services to Iowans in need.

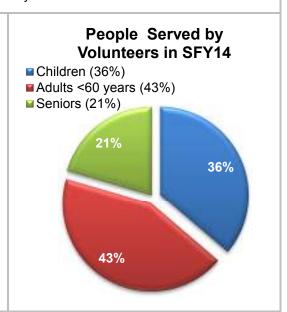
Who Is Helped

Volunteers, under the supervision of paid staff, assist in providing compassionate and caring service far beyond the services which could be provided by staff alone.

Department volunteers supplement paid staff rather than replacing staff. This staff-volunteer team approach results in extended services to clients and is an essential component in the broad delivery of services.

More than 5,200 people volunteered their services to DHS in SFY14. The number of lowans served by volunteers in SFY14 included:

- Children: 6,393.
- Adults under age 60: 7,633.
- Adults 60 and over: 3,616.



- ✓ Volunteers donate from 3 to 40+ hours per week throughout the year.
- ✓ Nine DHS volunteers received a Governor's Volunteer Award in 2014.

Services

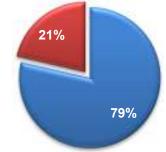
There were 78,223 total hours of volunteer service in SFY14. On average, 436 volunteers provided 15 hours of service per month. Service types include:

- Direct service to clients/residents.
- Indirect service, such as clerical assistance.

Volunteer hours increased by 60% between SFY13 and SFY14. The increase is due to the standardized reporting of hours to capture more of the work done by volunteers and one area is now using volunteers as guardians/conservators for dependent adults. The adult services are provided on a 24-hour per day basis.



■ Individual Indirect Service (26%)



Goals & Strategies

Goal: Utilize volunteers to supplement client service and relieve frontline staff. Simplify reporting to improve accuracy and limit administrative duties

Results: An increase in volunteer hours was documented in SFY14. An emphasis is being placed on the utilization of volunteers along with simplification of the reporting requirements.

Cost of Services

The average annual cost to recruit, coordinate, and support a single volunteer is \$26.

If volunteers were paid at the base level of a clerk position, about \$11 per hour, the department cost would have been \$860,450 in SFY14.

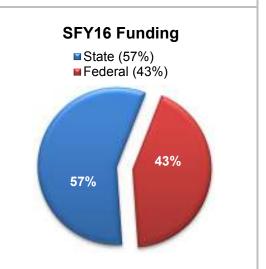
Funding Sources

The Volunteers program is funded by state dollars and federal funds, including the Social Services Block Grant.

The actual budget for SFY15 was \$158,029.

The anticipated SFY16 and SFY17 budget is \$148,259 (per year).

- \$63,573 (42.9 percent) is federal funding
- \$84,686 (57.1 percent) is state general fund

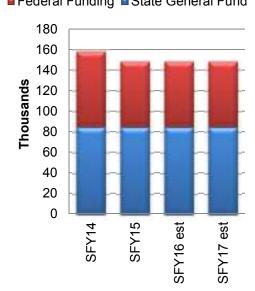


SFY16 & SFY17 Budget Drivers

The funding level remained constant between 2010 and 2014. In SFY15, the funding level was slightly lower due to a reduction in available Social Service Block Grant (federal) funds due to sequestration. The federal funding decreased by \$9,796.

The anticipated state funding for SFY16 and SFY17 is anticipated to remain at the SFY15 level.





Legal Basis

Federal:

- Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973(42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq),
- 42 U.S. Code, Chapter 66

State:

- lowa Code, Chapter 217.13
- Iowa Administrative Code, 441 IAC 12